



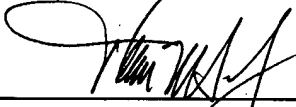
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Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicant has elected the claims of Group I, namely-Claims 1-20, 30, and 32.

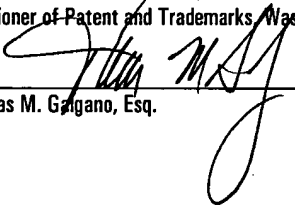
In view of the foregoing, it is now believed that an action on the merits of the application is in order and such action at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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